

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2785 - SB 2821

March 23, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a patient, family member or other person responsible for such patient's care to testify as a competent witness to identify medical bills at civil trials without need for expert testimony to establish reasonableness and necessity of the bills.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- This bill alters the current evidentiary and admissibility requirements associated with the use of medical bills at civil trials and negates the requirement for expert witnesses in such cases.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director